GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4823
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2000
NARMADA BACHAO ANDOLAN
DILEEP SANGHANI;JAYASHREE BANERJEE;RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to initiate any legal action against the leaders of the Narmada Bachao Andolan for immediate compliance of the ruling of the Supreme Court in regard to construction of the Sardar Sarovar Porject;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are aware of reports for alleged receipt of aids from some foreign countries as well as from some Indian nationals for this organization; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a), (b) & (c) The Supreme Court in its judgementdated 18.10.2000 has inter-alia, directed that construction of the dam will continue as per the award of the Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal and also permitted construction of the dam upto 90 m. immediately. As per the decision, the construction work on the Narmada Dam has already started w.e.f. 31.10.2000. No legal action against the leaders of the Narmada Bachao Andolan is contemplated.

(d) There have been some reports in the press and electronic media regarding alleged receipts of funds in general.

(e) Appropriate action can be taken after specific instances are brought to the notice of the Government.